GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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ISD/STD/PCO FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISD/STD/PCO facilities have been extended to all the rural and adivasi areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which such facilities are likely to be made available there;

(e) whether a large number of demands for providing STD facilities in the rural areas, especially in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of the State are pending with the Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof, district wise; and
(g) the steps taken by the Government to clear the pending demands?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Sir, about 80% of rural and 70% of tribal area exchanges have been provided with STD/PCO facility.

(c) The said facility in the remaining areas could not be provided due to non availability of STD facility in the exchanges for want of adequate reliable media.

(d) Action Plan has been drawn to provide such facilities to the remaining exchanges progressively by end of March, 2002 subject to availability of resources.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The details are given in the Annexure.

(g) Reliable media has been planned extensively to provide connectivity to various exchanges so that STDfacilities in exchanges could be provided.